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1. BASIC US POSITION CONCERNING UPCOMING SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS) CONVENTION EMBODIED, TO A GREAT EXTENT IN IMCO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A.304(VIII), WHICH THE USG FULLY SUPPORTS. THE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CONVENING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO CONCLUDE A NEW SOLAS CONVENTION, SETS FORTH IMCO'S AND USG'S CONCERN THAT NONE OF THE NUMEROUS AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING SOLAS CONVENTION WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY IMCO HAVE YET TO COME INTO FORCE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING SOLAS CONVENTION. ACCORDINGLY, FOUR MAJOR POINTS ARE SOUGHT BY THE US IN THE NEW CONVENTION: A. PRO-VISIONS FOR FAST ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE CONVENTION ITSELF; B. AN IMPROVED AND EASIER AMENDMENT PROCEDURE, ("TACIT
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AMENDMENT PROCEDURES"); C. AMENDMENTS TO THE 1960 CONVEN-
TION WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED BY THE IMCO ASSEMBLY;
D. ADOPTION OF NEW REGULATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED
FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEW CONVENTION.

2, THE USG STRONGLY FEELS THAT IN ORDER TO MOST EFFEC-
TIVELY EMPLOY THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE AT THE CONFERENCE

THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SET FORTH IN ASSEMBLY RESOLU-
TION A.304(VIII) MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO SUPPLY MORE DETAILED
DISCUSSION OF US POSITION ON SPECIFIC MATTERS IF DESIRED.
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